

REMARKS

Claims 11-13 are pending in this application. By the Office Action, claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. By this Amendment, claims 11 and 12 are amended and new claim 13 is added. Support for amended claims 11 and 12 and new claim 13 can be found in claims 11 and 12 and in Fig. 13, for example. No new matter is added.

I. Rejection Over Ogawa

Claim 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as having been obvious over Ogawa. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Independent claim 11 is directed to a digital camera comprising: an optical lens; an image sensor that generates image data for an image formed on the image sensor by the optical lens; a memory that stores the image data generated by the image sensor; a display that displays the image data; an interface that transfers the image data to a printer; and a selector that selects a plurality of image data to be printed by the printer; wherein the display displays printing information which shows that the plurality of image data selected by the selector are printed as two or more image data per sheet or as one image data per sheet. Claim 12 depends from claim 11. Such a digital camera is not taught or suggested by Ogawa.

Ogawa teaches a digital image sensing apparatus having a plurality of programs for connecting the apparatus to a plural types of external device. When sensed video image data is transferred to the external device, the characteristic of the external device is obtained so that the video image data can be converted into data in form receivable and interpretable by the external device. An application program is selected in accordance with the obtained characteristic, then the video image data is converted in accordance with the selected program, and the converted video image data is outputted to the external device. Ogawa at Abstract.

As pointed out in the Office Action, Ogawa appears to disclose a digital camera that includes an optical path, an image sensor, a memory, a display, a selector, and a terminal. The Office Action takes official notice that a lens is well known in the art for cameras and digital cameras. The Office Action asserts that the selector is disclosed starting at col. 3.

However, Ogawa does not teach or suggest the instant claimed digital camera. In particular, Ogawa at least fails to teach or suggest the claimed selector, which selects a plurality of image data to be printed by the printer. According to the claimed invention, the selector, which is particularly a user-operable selector, allows the user to select which sets of image data, or pictures, from a plurality of image data are to be printed by the printer, and allows the user to select whether those separate image data will be printed as two or more image data per sheet or as one image data per sheet.

In contrast, the asserted selector of Ogawa does not perform these functions. The selector of Ogawa is not a user-operable selector, in that Ogawa discloses print instructions for printing a plurality of image data on one sheet, but the plurality of image data to be printed on one sheet is not selected by the user. Nowhere does Ogawa teach or suggest that the selector could or should be modified to allow the user to select which sets of image data, or pictures, from a plurality of image data are to be printed by the printer, and allow the user to select whether those separate image data will be printed as two or more image data per sheet or as one image data per sheet, as claimed. In the absence of any such teachings, Ogawa cannot have rendered obvious the claimed invention.

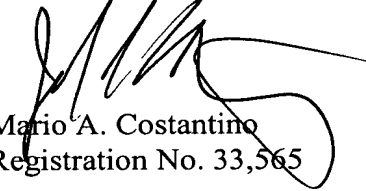
Accordingly, Ogawa fails to disclose or suggest all of the limitations of the claimed invention, and would not have rendered the claims unpatentable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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